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LOCALS.

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—The watermelon has about run its race.

—After man came woman " and she has been after him ever since.—*Revised Version.*

—A fifteen-year-old New York school girl drowned herself the other day because she had been scolded by her mother.

—J. C. Daney, Esq., Register of Deeds of Edgecombe county, passed through our city on the 24th inst., westward bound.

—The druggists of Savannah refuse to sell colored people soda water, but will sell them all the poison they may want.—*The Echo.*

—Many thanks to Mr. W. B. Baker of Dudley for some more of his nice peaches. We find them quite a treat as they are very scarce here.

—The Editor is absent spending a few weeks in the western part of the State in the interest of the STAR. We wish him much success.

—There are five colored members in the Georgia Legislature and the prospect is that the number will be increased another year.—*Gate City Press.*

—Mrs. B. V. H. Brooks and her daughter Maude, having spent a month visiting her relatives in this city, left for their home in Knoxville, Tenn., on the 22d inst.

—The Mobile, Ala., Post Office employs nine colored men two of whom are clerks and four carriers. She also employs several colored men in her custom house.—*Gate City Press.*

—Mr. Wiley Holt, an aged and well respected citizen, departed this life on Friday evening, the 27th inst. He was confined to his room about two weeks. The relatives have the sympathies of the STAR.

—We are indebted to the Industrial Association for a copy of their Rules and Regulations for the Third Annual Fair, of North Carolina, to be held at Raleigh Oct. 31, Nov. 1-2-3-4-5. We wish the Fair much success.

—Thanks to the "Edgecombe Agricultural and Mechanical Fair Association" for a copy of their Rules and Regulations for their first annual Fair to be held at Tarboro, November 8-9-10-11. We will say that we hope every one will avail themselves of this opportunity and go to this the first annual Fair ever held in Edgecombe county. We know every one will enjoy themselves.

—The "Virtue" and "Morning Star" Lodges of Good Samaritans and Daughters of Samaria will hold their anniversary in this city on Monday, September 5th. The members will parade the principal streets of the city and at night they will have a grand levee at their Hall. We learn that the Revs. Z. T. Pearsall, A. J. Marshall, and E. E. Smith, A. M., have been invited to deliver addresses on the occasion. Sister Lodges are invited to attend and participate.

THE TARBORO TRAIN SHOT AT AGAIN.

We exceedingly regret to have to record another act of diabolism. On Monday night of last week as the Tarboro train was returning from Tarboro to Rocky Mount, when it reached the fateful spot, about a mile this side the "Y," near Rocky Mount, some miscreant shot at it. The ball passed through the window of the baggage and express portion of the car sinking deeply in the wooden stay on the inside. The ball, which we examined with our finger in the wooden bed, appears to be of about 32 calibre. The night was dark and the train was at its usual speed. We called attention in our issue of the 11th inst. to the numerous recent attempts at the same spot, to wreck the train by placing cross-ties on the track; also to the large missile thrown through

the passenger car window a few nights before, which passed between two passengers, and to the shooting at same car.

Isn't it about time that these miscreants should be stopped in their fiendish intentions. Human life is too precious to be left to the tender mercy of such devils incarnate.

We can hear of no motive of spite or revenge, and must conclude that it proceeds from the coldest blooded wantonness—a reckless disregard for human life.

Cursed be the creature so vile in instinct and so diabolical in endeavor, as to perceive pleasant pastime in such sport as killing innocent people—persons unknown to the miscreants and who never did them harm in word or deed.

Are not the railroad authorities able to employ an expert detective to ferret out the criminals and bring them to justice? or will they wait for a wreck, or a death, before realizing the necessities of the situation?

A shrewd detective, we've no doubt could easily find the offenders and break up the hellish gang. No time should be lost in putting all the machinery representing the majesty of the law on the track of the would-be murderers.

Our statutes are full and explicit on this offense and conviction would not be difficult of attainment, were the culprits once caught.

Everybody in the neighborhood of the spot should constitute himself a detective for searching out the matter. No one knows when, perchance, he may be the murdered passenger.

Soon such a reign of terror will be produced that travelers will be afraid to go over the road at night.

A sufficient reward might be successful.—*Tarboro Southerner.*

A SERIOUS COMPLAINT.

For the Star.

Mr. Editor:—We were surprised on going to Sabbath School on last Sunday to find the door locked against us.

We would ask, can a person who calls himself a christian, and we believe a minister, do such an act as this, merely because he rents the building for school purposes?

We know the gentleman has the power to do so, but we ask him, is it right to turn the Sabbath School out of doors because he has that power?

The Union Sabbath School has been held in that building for fifteen years, though it has been rented nearly every summer; but never was such an act done before. We hope the worthy gentleman will stop and consider, as some of his day scholars are Sabbath School scholars, and his school might be diminished by his hasty action.

TEACHER.

Goldsboro, N. C., Sept. 1.

GIRLS WHO ARE OUT AT NIGHT.

The case of Jennie Cramer, at New Haven, is sensational because up to the time of the present writing it is not known whether she died from an excessive dose of chloroform administered by a knave or whether she committed suicide after a first debauch. Whatever the tardy investigation may develop, one thing, social, is herein demonstrated. Jennie was very beautiful, and the people whom she, as the daughter of a cigar-maker in moderate circumstances, naturally associated, were proud of her. She was somewhat vain, and arsenic assisted her complexion. People who had more money than her father had flattered her because she was beautiful. She had that freedom which girls of the middle class in America too frequently have, and her parents permitted her to be abroad at night. Their idea, though they were Germans, is the idea which prevails too extensively in this country—that a girl can take care of herself. A girl cannot always take care of herself, and where she is left to that idea she will become contaminated, slightly or cruelly, as the case may be. Jennie was out at night.—*Sunday Item.*

—A severe storm passed along the North Carolina Coast Tuesday and Friday of last week. The velocity of the wind was about sixty miles an hour.

A SAD LESSON.

The fate of Jennie Cramer, the young New Haven girl whose mysterious murder is now undergoing judicial investigation, should be a sad warning to parents and guardians. The circumstances of this sad case can be traced directly to a proper want of parental caution. We believe in allowing the young as much license as is consistent with reasonable caution, but the extent to which the young people are allowed to exercise their discretion of what constitutes right and wrong should be carefully measured. The young being guileless themselves are generally, if not always inclined to look upon all others as equally innocent and harmless. Those who have reached maturer years can testify to a far different experience. Happy is it for us that in our good old State, such horrors as the New Haven mystery are almost entirely unknown, but still such is the evil tendency of the times that parents cannot be too cautious.—*Visitor.*

THE OFFICIAL VOTE.

The Board of State Canvassers met in Raleigh, Thursday, to canvass the vote on the prohibition question. The count shows that 212,194 votes were cast in the State, of which 48,061 were given for Prohibition, and 164,133 against Prohibition, making a total majority of 116,072 in opposition to prohibition. The total actual vote cast was 214,746, and the actual anti-Prohibition majority was 118,006, but the official vote of Ashe county (266 for and 1328 against) was lost and no returns received, and other township returns, reducing the majority 821 votes more, were thrown out on account of irregularities. The total gubernatorial vote of 1880 was 237,417, of which Jarvis received 121,857, and Buxton 115,560. Only four counties gave Prohibition majorities, these were Cherokee 8, Clay 16, Transylvania 28, and Yancey 173.

PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA,
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT.

I, Thomas J. Jarvis, Governor of North Carolina, do issue this my proclamation, declaring the result of the election held on the 4th day of August, 1881, to take the sense of the people on the question of prohibition, to be, according to the returns made to the Board of State Canvassers, as follows:

There were cast at said election two hundred and twelve thousand one hundred and ninety-four (212,194) votes, of which forty-eight thousand and sixty-one (48,061) votes were cast "For Prohibition," and one hundred and sixty-four thousand one hundred and thirty-three (164,133) votes were cast "Against Prohibition," the majority "Against Prohibition" being one hundred and sixteen thousand and seventy-two (116,072) votes.

Done at our city of Raleigh, this twenty-fifth day of August, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-one, and in the year of American independence the one hundred and sixteenth.

THOS. J. JARVIS, Governor.

By the Governor:

G. L. DUDLEY, Private Secretary.

STORM ON THE COAST.

The Wonderful Instinct of Birds, Porpoises and Fish.

Cor. of Raleigh News-Observer.

MOREHEAD CITY, Aug. 26.

Your readers have all read the warnings of the storm, which swept our coast on Thursday. On Wednesday, Capt. Gabrielson, of the United States revenue cutter Colfax, received information through the telegraph signal office, at Fort Macon, of a telegraph hurricane passing over St. Thomas, West Indies, at the rate of sixty miles an hour, and of its coming in direction of the Atlantic coast. Hardly had this information been received by electricity, and twenty hours in advance of the wind, when the skies became blackened with sea birds of every kind, size, color and description. As a leader, fast flyer and demolisher, the white and blue cranes took the lead, then came the curlew, willet, snipe, sea chicken, and in fact everything in the way of a sea fowl that any one has ever seen or heard of, and many that your correspondent never knew existed. The fast flyers, the slow flyers, the high flyers and the low flyers, all went west as if the devil were after them.

The strange conduct of the birds was equalled if not surpassed by the funny tribe. In front of the Atlantic and in immediate view, runs Newport river, a narrow, turbid stream. All through the day the fish, in schools of millions, passed up the stream, jumping, skipping and swimming as if chased by some monstrous sea serpent. Mullet, mackerel and blue fish by the million; pig fish, flounders, sheepshead, &c., by the barrel; shrimp and diamond-back terrapin also seemed to join in the rout. Last, but not least, came the shiny black porpoises, in droves so great that the river looked as if it was one slowly-moving stream of ink. Hundreds, if not thousands of schools of fish

must have anticipated the great commotion at sea and gone up the quiet little stream.

Dr. Arendell, one of the oldest, most respectable and deserving citizens, asserts that he never before beheld such a phenomenon. Up at Newport, where the stream is ten feet wide, we are informed that it is entirely blocked up by fish and wedged in with porpoises. Now, how these porpoises can turn around or back out, to let the fish flow back, is more than your correspondent can tell.

To-day the birds are slowly making their way back. Where they went, why they went and how they knew so far in advance of the approaching storm, will ever be a mystery.

Since the birds began their return, a telegram received by Capt. Gabrielson announces the passage of the hurricane at Hatteras. It was of almost unexampled severity. The seas ran like mountains and broke clear across the banks. The birds were right in their calculations. To-day five boats left for Newport to capture fish and see the strange scenes.

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